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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE/GERMAN ECONOMIC TALKS

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON FIN SEC VIRATA DEC 15, ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR RECEIVED INTERESTING PROFILE OF MANILA/BONN TALKS ON ECONOMIC TREATY ISSUES. VIRATA SAID THAT FOLLOWING SEVERAL MONTHS OF EXPLORATION, BONN HAD CONCLUDED IT DID NOT REPEAT NOT WANT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINES AT THIS TIME. THE MAIN REASON, ACCORDING VIRATA, IS THAT THE GERMANS REFUSE TO ACCEPT MFN TREATMENT OFFERED BY GOP IN LIEU OF NATIONAL TREATMENT BONN STUBBORNLY HAS SOUGHT.

2. SENIOR GERMAN OFFICIALS (UNNAMED) MADE A DEMARCHE ON VIRATA DURING THE OCTOBER '75 MEETING OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULTATIVE GROUP IN PARIS. THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A LAST DITCH EFFORT.

3. BONN, SAYS VIRATA, AGREES THAT THE MFN TYPE OF AGREEMENT IS THE "WAVE OF THE FUTURE." BONN WILL NOT ENTER INTO ONE NOW, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT THIS
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WOULD HAVE ON THE DURABILITY OF OTHER AGREEMENTS GERMANY

HAS IN FORCE. GERMANY PREFERS, THEREFORE, A "NO AGREE-
MENT" SITUATION FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

4. THE FRENCH, SAYS VIRATA, HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM,
BUT ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF
PHILIPPINE POLICY, SINCE AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED
ON LINES FRENCH PREFER.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VIRATA REPORTS ARE, TO SAY
THE LEAST, MILDLY SELF-SERVING IN VIEW OF PENDING US/RP
TALKS, HIS STATEMENT OF THE GERMAN POSITION ACCORDS
WELL WITH OTHER COMMENTS HEARD IN MANILA. BONN MAY
BE ABLE TO COMMENT IN MORE DETAIL.

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